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TITLE: *Well Lost Circulation Treatment  
Fluid Made Therefrom, Method  
of Minimizing Lost Circulation in a  
Subterranean Formation*

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23267/15DC1REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARINGThe Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Board of Patent Appeals  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests an oral hearing under 37.CFR.1.194(b). Check No. 2241 in the amount of \$140.00 for the oral hearing fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1245 (ref. 23267/15DC1).

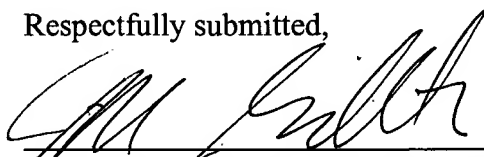
On this date, Oral Hearings are being requested for Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/296,216, 09/296,217 and 09/307,544. As explained in their Respective Appeal Briefs, these applications are very intertwined. Instead of requesting 3 different Oral Hearings of 20 minutes each, applicant very respectfully requests a Combined Oral Hearing of 30 minutes total.

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